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THE KANSAS CONVENTION went wild over free silver and "Dixie," and enthused over not another utterance.

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AND TIMMY, they say, doesn't want the earth. All he wants is the senatorship after Platt gets through with it.

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THE SILVER ISSUE—It is the voice of David, in that it faintly specifies; but the hand of William, in that it dictates and covers the whole ground.

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CLARK of Montana furnished free whisky for the Kansas convention, and the Montana delegation was drunk from the beginning to the end of it.

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AND DAVID B. HILL lauded free silver and declared that it would carry New York. What a record in comparison with that of four years ago! It breaks his silence and also his political head.

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MR. CROKER is the boss not only in this town, but he was the boss in Kansas city and he is the master of the old-fashioned Democrats of the entire country. Mr. Tweed never got so far in his ambition for national mastery.

THE POWER OF ORATORY.

FOUR YEARS AGO a speech by an unknown man, written and delivered with that purpose in view, took the wigwam of the Democratic party out of the hands of the men who had owned it, gave the nomination for president to the unknown man, split the party from top to bottom, made a new ticket necessary to Democratic principles and honor, and made the regular Democracy a by-word with the cranks, who thus won its control. Its delivery was fine, and the result showed the power of oratory regardless of common sense. Where it was not revolutionary it was foolish, and had its principles prevailed it would have brought the country to bankruptcy and dishonor, its supreme court to contempt, and its promises to pay to the kind of repudiation that boasts that repudiation is a personal and national privilege. Since then the man who uttered the speech has gone through the country preaching over and over again the silly doctrine of free silver and the foul doctrine of contempt for law and the right to halve or repudiate an honest debt, and the fools and the bad men who joined him then have fastened to him with hooks of steel and finally have nominated him again. More startling yet, thousands of the honest Democracy have joined him rather than be partyless, accepting his contempt for law and financial honor, and will vote for him, not because they like him more than then, but because forsooth he is powerless to work the evil he contemplates and to the consummation of which his election to the presidency would certainly be of assistance, at the same time that it would work the discouragement of every honest, intelligent citizen and bring into graver doubt than ever before the wisdom of our system of government.

The impertinence of the cranks who make up the bulk of the existing Democratic party equals their ignorance and their blatant declarations of superior information. About the only eminent gold Democrat at Kansas city who was conspicuous was David B. Hill, and Mr. Croker, a recent convert to Bryanism, aided by others of equal intelligence, "trun'd him down," to use his own expression. He was entitled to represent his state on the committee on resolutions, but it was held that the doctrine of free silver and repudiation was entitled to his humiliation, and Mr. Croker saw to it that that was done. Happily, representatives from Georgia, Indiana and other states saw the injustice and offered him their place on the committee; but he would have received scant courtesy had he accepted, and the protest in behalf of honest money and fair play went by default. The new Democratic party, the populists, the cranks, the riff-raff, the middle-of-the-road and the by-path and fence-rail statesmen had no design to give honest money a fair show, and worked their free will to its fresh dishonor.

Mr. Bryan is not without his virtues. He is an honest man and really believes the silly things he preaches. People who know him personally like him, and his ability to convert ordinarily sensible men to ridiculous propositions is amazing. But he is all the more dangerous for his popularity, and if his election were possible it would not be too much to say that this country is on the verge of revolution.

A PAST MASTER.

MRS. HANDOUT—"Don't you know the more a person does the more they are capable of doing?"
SUNNY SLOPES—"Sure, mum. When I started out in dis perfession I couldn't eat but six meals a day; now I'm good fer twenty."

SHAKESPEARE IN POSSUMVILLE—"HENRY VIII." AT REHEARSAL.

THE STAGE-MANAGER (*calling Henry down*)—"Look heah, Hen! I want yo' to understan' dat before de curting goes up yo' ain't de whole show, an' I am."

ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE.

Sunday-school teacher—"Now, Johnny may tell us what the good book says about fishing on Sunday."

Johnny Walton (somewhat uncertainly)—"The better the day, the better the deed."

PROFESSIONAL CONFIDENCES.

First Adirondack guide—"Is that city chap you are guiding much of a shot?"

Second Adirondack guide—"Not at game—he's great at hitting his flask of whisky, though."

A PISCATORIAL OBSERVATION.

Arthur—"Mamma, the crab has a very strange way."

Mamma—"What is it?"

Arthur—"Why, he always goes ahead by going sideways."

HARDLY A CAUSE FOR PRIDE.

Beth (to Mary, exultingly)—"I guess I feel proud! Papa 's been invited to preach the bacchanalian sermon before Brother Tom's graduating class."

SHE WOULD STAY.

FIRST CITIZEN (*of Lonelyville*)—"I think the cook we have now will stay with us for some time."

SECOND CITIZEN—"How is that?"

FIRST CITIZEN—"She don't get up in time to catch the 8:05 and she's intoxicated every afternoon before the 5:12."

MR. BEAR—"Ah! now I guess I'm ready for my dessert."

JUDGE'S FAVORITES.

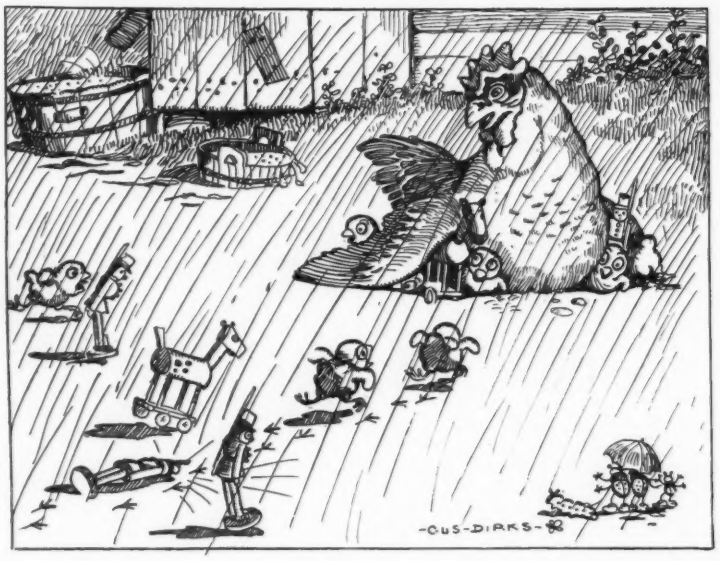
NELLIE BRAGGINS.

With "Three Little Lambs" you gamboled lightly,
Only so lately, we won't forget you;
That recollection, so shapely and sprightly,
Don't make us lose it—we really can't let you.
Your memory 's sweet, but it's much too ethereal—
Give us yourself again, plump and material.

JESTS AND JESTERS.

ONE should be practical in everything but one's jokes.

Humor is the one true universal panacea. It cheers loneliness, encourages disappointment, brightens poverty, doubles enjoyment, tests love. And when bereavement comes and you would bid the buffoon begone lo! the jester walks beside the bier, august, the truest mourner of all.



Little Johnnie leaves his playthings out in the rain and they proceed to look for shelter.

THE HORRORS OF WAR.

WE'VE lately mastered Spanish names
Across the sparkling seas;
Of kopjes, laagers, trekking, veldts,
We speak with fluent ease.
Now if with China there is war
We'll have to learn Chinese.

HAD ALSO BEEN PERPLEXED.

Dorothy (hearing her father, in reading a letter, exclaim, "I can't make head nor tail out of that!") —"I guess papa 's found an angle-worm."

HOW COULD HE FORGIVE HER?

Miss Springer—"Can you say, rapidly, 'She sells sea shells,' without getting your tongue twisted?"

Singer—"No, nor you either!"

Miss Springer—"Well, can you say, 'What am I doing' over and over without getting tied up?"

Singer—"'M-m—don't know. I'll try. 'What am I doing, what am I doing, what am I doing'"—

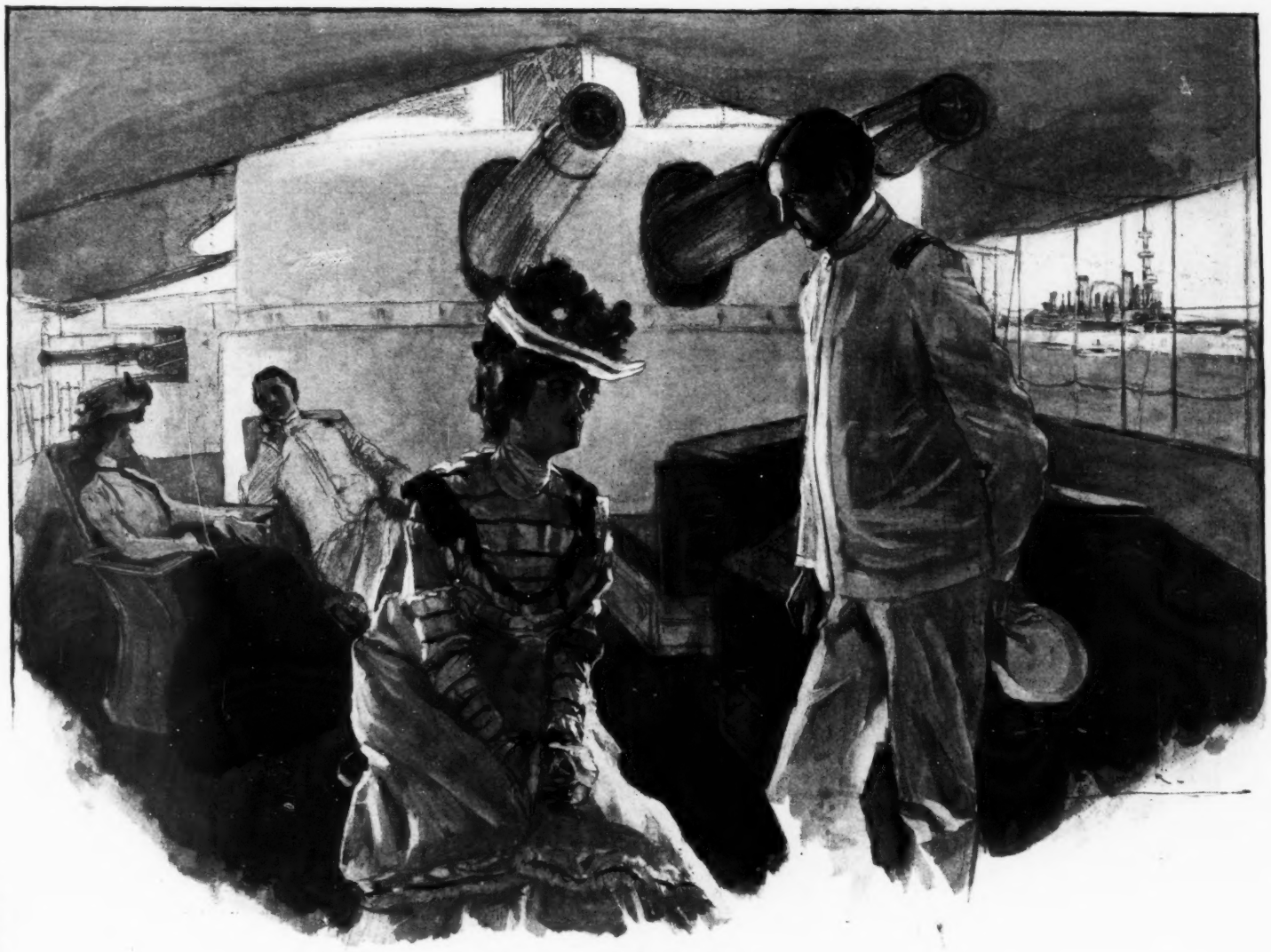
Miss Springer—"Making a fool of yourself."

PRIVATE BUSINESS.

COUNTRYMAN—"If this suit costs you twenty dollars to make, how can you sell it for seven-fifty?"
ISAACS—"Dot's shust vot Meester Mazet asked me on der vitness shtand, unt I told him dot vas my own private peesniss. Perhabs you haff read apoud me—my name vas Croker."

THE YOUNGER BROTHER.

MR. MUSHLY—"Is your sister in, Bobby?"
BOBBY—"Just ring and ask the maid, please. She's paid for lying and I ain't."



ON VISITORS' DAY.

OFFICER GUNNE— Pardon me, but didn't I meet you here last year?"
EDITH JINJERSNAP—"I really don't remember. How many times did you propose?"

SCATTERING SHOTS.

THE man who does right has reason on his side; the man who does wrong has reasons.

One can be so much lonelier in a great city than anywhere else that one is inclined to think the hermits of old fled to the deserts for company.

If you know who a friend would change places with, were it possible, you have the key to the dearest ambition and probably to the bitterest disappointment of a life.

A first book often resembles a cyclorama. A few figures stand out carefully modeled but lifeless; the others are painted on a flat background. Only a genius can make his "super" real.

What a pleasure it is to cease spinning cobwebs from our own weary brains and lose our very identity in a book so great that, in the ease of its finish, we forget the nights and days of labor, the sweat and the tears, that it has cost some one to learn enough to write it.

MARGARET WENTWORTH.

THE STATE OF AFFAIRS.

THE war with China now will prove
Quite difficult, we think;
For though we doubtless will Pekin
We can't see through the Chink.

LIKE OIL AND WATER.

Cora—"How is it they quarrel so ever since they went to live in the suburbs?"

Merritt—"He wants to keep chickens, while she insists on having a flower-garden."

AMATEUR FARMING.

CITYMANN—"Do your neighbors' chickens hurt your vegetables much?"
SUBBURBANN—"Oh, no; it's just the other way. My next-door neighbor has lost over sixty chickens from eating my vegetables."

TEDDY'S DISCOVERY.

A LITTLE city boy, who had never been in the country before, was walking in a field with his mother, when he saw for the first time a lot of daisies.

"Oh, mamma!" he said as he clapped his hands with delight, "just look at all the pretty scarf-pins sticking up in the ground."

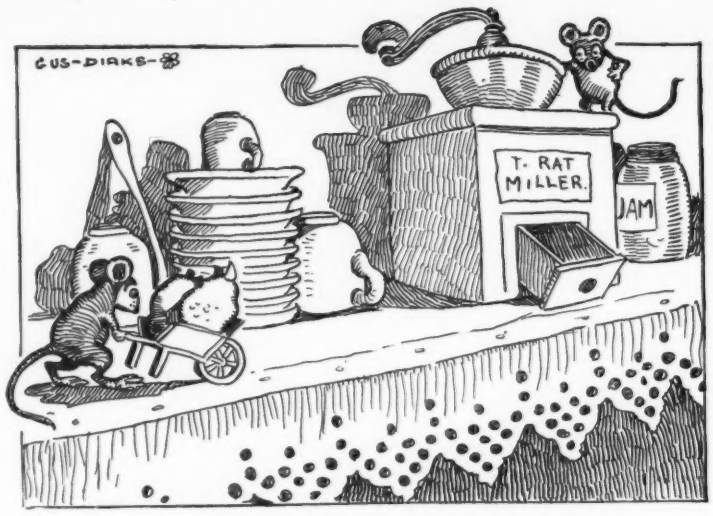
THE STATE OF AFFAIRS.

THOUGH "Teddy" once was Oyster bay's,
With truth we do avow
That things have lately been reversed—
The world 's his oyster now.

THOSE DEAR GIRLS.

Madge—"I was going in bathing, but I'm afraid of the breakers."

Marjorie—"How foolish you are, my dear! The only wave that would hurt that bathing-suit of yours is a reform wave."



MR. RAT—"It's a wonder some one didn't think of this scheme before."

SHELVED.

HE—"My love for you is like the boundless sea—I can't get over it."
SHE—"That is just the point. I want to marry a man with money enough to take me to Paris."

THE COLLEGE MAN.

HERE'S to the blue and crimson
Waved from the crowded shores,
Where every heart was beating
To the rhythmic stroke of the oars.
Here's to the blue and crimson
That glowed from the racing-shells
Where sinewy throats were swelling
In a chorus of college-yells.

Showers of flashing diamonds
Flew from the dripping sculls,
Whipping the sunny water
Like the wings of gray sea-gulls.
Straight as an ashen arrow,
Silent and swift as flame,
Trailing a wake of silver,
Down to the stake they came.

So, now that the race is over,
Here's to the winning crew—
The flower of the yankee nation,
The athlete six feet two,
The strength of his tireless muscles,
The coat of healthy tan,
The brain and the brawn together
That make the college man.

MINNA IRVING.

PUTTING HIS FOOT IN IT.

YOUNG DOCTOR (*on his first case*)—"Your daughter, sir, doesn't appear to have any organic disease. I am inclined to think that she is pining away from some secret love-affair—some"——

MR. OLEBURRD—"My *daughter*, sir? Why, confound your impudence! that is my wife."

ITS MEANING.

"EXCUSE us a moment, please, while we run through our mail," said the able editor of the Pettyville *Plaindealer*, addressing his friend and fellow-scribe, the equally able editor of the Allegash *Agitator*, who had dropped in for a chat on matters journalistic. "Well, well! Here is a bulky communication from our special correspondent in your town. Let's see what important news he has discovered which has escaped your—ha, ha!—eagle eye. Um—ah!—why, by George! you had a storm there night before last, didn't you?"

"Yes," carelessly replied the visitor; "something of a breeze."

"Something of a breeze? Why, it was a hurricane—a regular tornado! This is an account of it—one, two, five, nine pages of the manuscript. Oh, our Allegash correspondent is all right, and don't you forget it. Listen here—um, um! 'The dread demon of destruction,' 'The howling hurricane's heavy hand'—h'm, h'm!—'The lurid lightning's lambient lash'—by jing! that fellow knows how to sling a pen, doesn't he?—'The raging, resonant roar of the embattled elements tumultuously thundering toward the terrified town.' Ah, he's a bird, and no mistake. Something of a breeze, indeed! Now let's see what he says on page six. 'The chariot of the storm-king flying through the air, gnashing its fangs as it rolled.' What do you think of that, hey? Say, now, if all that doesn't mean a terrible hurricane what does it mean?"

"Huh! The wind blew down two or three fences, a shed or two, a few dead trees, and Si Pettingill's old barn, that was so rickety it was all ready to fall of its own accord. All that your special correspondent's alarming alliteration really means is that he stood facing the breeze with his mouth open and got full of wind."

TOM P. MORGAN.

FROM OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENT.

Our readers will be surprised to learn that Dr. Garlick and Deacon Passmore, who have been friends for years, had a serious falling out last Monday.

AN IMPROVEMENT.

ARTIST—"This is the portrait you ordered of your first ancestor, the baron Dopedream. Is it all right?"

MR. GOTTIN—"Not quite. Just make that sword a better brand of cutlery and put on it 'Gottin cutlery company, New York city, U. S. A.; tel. 4114-4; cable "Gott."'"

ONLY TEMPORARY.

Mrs. Crabshaw—"I'll go home to my mother at once."

Crab haw—"I wish you would. Here's the money."

Mrs. Crabshaw—"But this isn't enough, my dear, for a return ticket."

EXPOSITION RATES.

MRS. FARMER—"If you'll saw that wood and split it and pile it up and bring in twenty armfuls I'll give you a piece of pie."

WEARY WILLIE—"T'anks, lady; but when I want ter eat pie at dem rates I'll go ter de Paris exposition."

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S. H.

Miss Queenie Queen.

Dear madam—There is a very beautiful girl lives opposite me, but she is cold and distant and will not notice me. What can I do to attract her attention, as I love her very much?

In despair.

WILLIE GETHER.

Have you tried music?

You might ride past on your wheel with a Mother Hubbard on.

If these methods fail to attract her attention try something like this.

THE RULING SPIRIT.

THE daughter of the Fadleys was dying. For hours she had been unconscious, and a great fear had come into the hearts of the sorrowing ones about her bed that she would pass without giving the longed-for look and word of farewell. The life-current ebbed lower and lower. Hope was almost gone. Then the sweet blue eyes opened and the lips moved.

"I see" — it was the faintest of whispers — "I see"——

"Yes, darling?"

"I see the angels — Oh, beautiful! I want"——

"What, dear?"

"My camera."

But it was too late.

TO BE SURE.

Dorothy (going by a butcher's window in which was exposed a calf whose hide had not been removed)—"Gracious! they killed that calf with its skin on."

REGINALD'S IDEA.

"I DON'T think it right to cut the poodle's hair off in summer to keep him cool," said little Reginald.

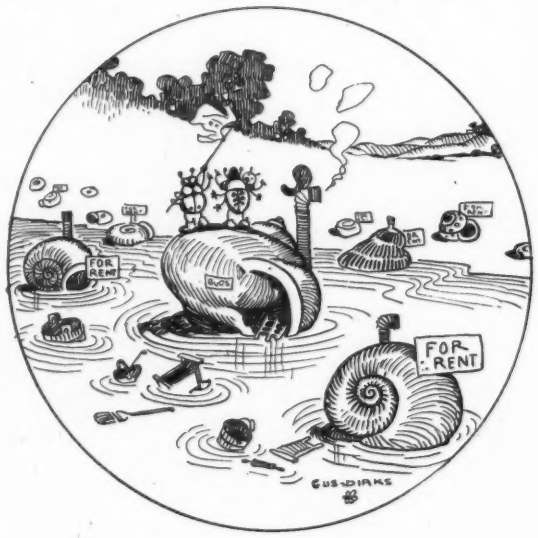
"Why not?" asked his father.

"Why, because we can't make the fox-terrier's hair longer in winter to keep him warm."

POP'S TURN NEXT.

FIRST BOY — "By golly! You've got fourteen different-colored patches on dem pants o' yours."

SECOND BOY—"Yep! Ma says soon as she gets two more on she's goin' to make 'em over into a fancy vest fer pop."



MR. BEETLE — "No wonder people don't rent these sea-shore cottages."

AN EXAMPLE.

MRS. BROWN — "Did you ever know of a man falling in love with his wife?"

MR. BROWN — "Why, yes. Young Jack Jones didn't find out that his wife had money till they'd been married over a year."

TO THE HONEST LIAR.

Here's to the man who lies to us, who's careless of the truth;
Who slaps us on the back and says, "Gee! how you hold your youth!"
Who shrinks not at the future when he has a lie to tell,
But when you're sick and tired and blue declares, "You're looking well."

Here's to the man who tells us lies when solemn truth would hurt;
Who says, "I'll back you through and through if it should take my shirt";
Who when you're "off" and cannot write just as you think you should
Will tune you up for better things with "That's what I call good."

Or when you paint a picture that is wrong in every part
Will make you think the daub is great by saying, "Now, that's art."
He lies—but it's in charity, if lying ever was;
So here's his health, for, though he lies, he's honest when he does.
—*Josh Wink in Baltimore American.*

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She—"You ought to telephone when you intend to bring some one home to dinner, so I can be ready to receive them." *He*—"Tell you what I'll do. I'll do so after this if you will promise to warn me by telephone when you are going to have one of those pink-tea doings, or whatever you call them, so I can stay away."—*Indianapolis Press.*

They were sitting on the beach at Coney. He turned at length and said, "Why is the ocean like June?" There was a flutter of interest in the groups sitting about them. She shook her head. "I don't know," she said. "Why?" "Because," he replied amid a breathless silence; "because it is maritime." A man near by who had been burying himself in the sand arose and left with every indication of sickness.—*Princeton Tiger.*

A boy was walking by the river-side;
A fisherman all out of bait he spied.
"Bub, any worms?" the fisherman outcried.
"Not since I R.I.P.A.N.S took!" the boy replied.

"Miss Pinkie," the young man began with a quaver in his voice, "may I presume so far upon our short acquaintance as to ask you"—"Please say no more, Mr. Mitchelltree," faltered the maiden. "I regret deeply to give you pain; but if I have inadvertently encouraged you to entertain hopes that can never be realized I cannot forgive myself. Believe me, I am sincerely"—"Pardon me, Miss Billmore," interrupted the youth, who had gasped once or twice and drawn his hand across his brow while she was speaking; "but I was only going to ask you for the loan of a nickel for car-fare. I was stupid enough to come away from home this evening without my pocket-book. Ah, thanks, Miss Billmore; I will return it without fail. Good-night."—*Chicago Tribune.*

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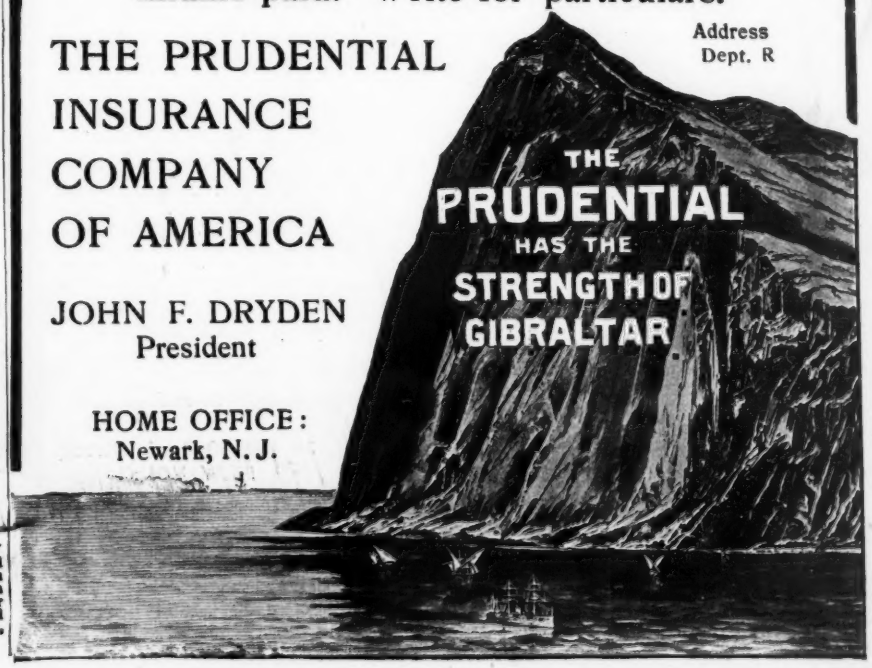

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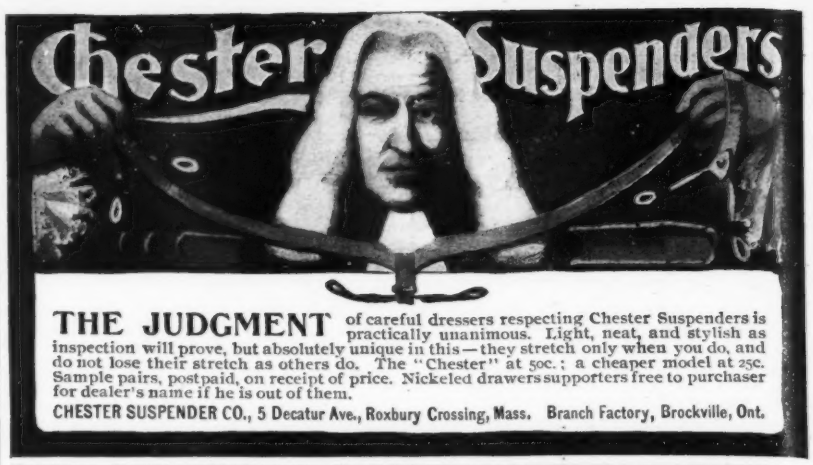

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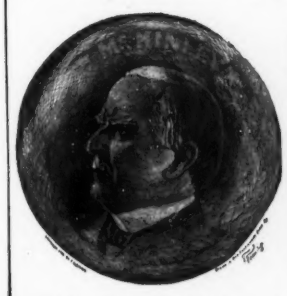

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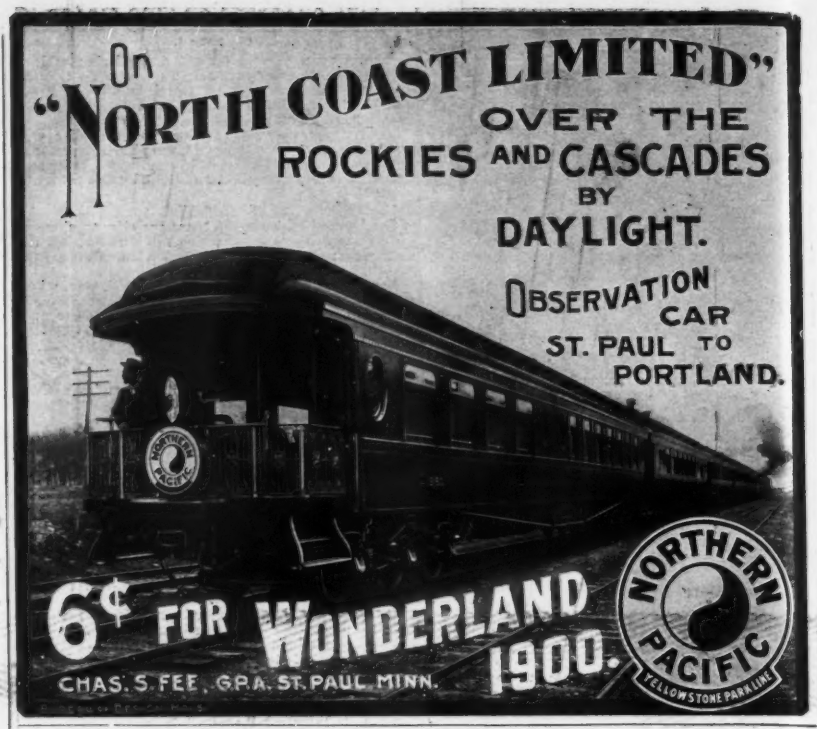

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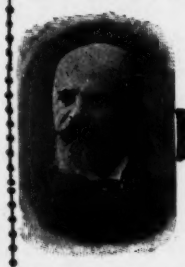

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